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*March 15, 2017*

Mayor Joan Lougheed  
Corporation of the town of  
Deep River  
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Mayor John Reinwald  
Town of Laurentian Hills  
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Mayor Jim Gibson  
Townships of Head, Clara  
& Maria  
15 Township Hall Road  
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**RE: Physician Recruitment and Retention Incentive**

Dear Mayor Lougheed, Mayor Reinwald and Mayor Gibson,

Since 2001, the Deep River and District Hospital, Town of Deep River, Town of Laurentian Hills and Townships of Head, Clara and Maria have been devoted to a 4-party partnership to make funds available for Physician Recruitment and Retention in North Renfrew. We at the Deep River and District Hospital would like to thank all parties for your dedication and support during this period.

All physicians currently working as part of the North Renfrew Family Health Team were recruited through this program. The success of this endeavour has had a positive effect on all partners of the venture and has allowed for the members of our communities to access family physicians close to home.

In an effort to continue recruiting quality physicians to our area, we are looking to continue and expand this partnership. We need to ensure we remain competitive with other regions in trying to attract physicians, as they are in high demand across the province. The necessity of the partnership needs to expand beyond recruitment to also include retention of these individuals. Continuing to provide support to our physicians will help to ensure we can provide family physicians to our local communities, as well as provide adequate coverage in our Emergency Department.

The Deep River and District Hospital has been fortunate to recruit a new physician who will be starting with the North Renfrew Family Health Team in the summer of 2017. We are very excited for the arrival of this physician and look forward to expanding the availability of family physicians to our local residents.

As evidence from the increase in enrollment of patients at the Family Health Team, this partnership has led to great care for more and more of our residents. We are looking to revitalize this partnership and continue to grow our network of physicians available to North Renfrew and ensure we can provide the care into the future.

As in past years, we propose the agreement be constructed to take into consideration the population of each partner when determining the financial contributions to the recruitment and

retention fund. To implement recruitment and retention strategies, we are requesting a total financial contribution of \$30,000 per year. Using the 2016 census results, the percentage of population for each partner and the proposed financial contribution are as follows:

Township	Population	Percentage	Funds
Laurentian Hills	2961	40%	\$ 12,138.56
Deep River	4109	56%	\$ 16,844.77
Head, Clara & Maria	248	3%	\$ 1,016.67
	7318	100%	\$ 30,000.00

The three townships have a long history of working closely with the Deep River and District Hospital. We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing our partnership in providing exceptional health care to your residents. Our Chief Financial Officer, William Willard, will be in contact with you shortly to further discuss the partnership proposed herein.

Sincerely,



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March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Mayor Jim Gibson and Council  
United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria  
15 Township Hall Road  
Stonecliffe, ON  
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Dear Mayor Gibson and Council,

I am writing to you as the new Progressive Conservative Critic for Infrastructure. In my role as the critic for infrastructure, I will be looking to hold the provincial government to account on its announcements and plans for infrastructure projects across the province. Municipalities, like yours, are an important partner in helping define Ontario's infrastructure needs.

If you have concerns about the provincial government's approach to infrastructure, be it delays or red tape, I want to hear from you. Ensuring that the government is held to account is essential as it ensures that the government invests transparently and in the areas that Ontarians need. If you would like to meet with me to discuss these issues in person, please contact my office at [sylvia.jonesqp@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jonesqp@pc.ola.org) or 416-325-1898.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sylvia Jones".

Sylvia Jones, MPP  
Dufferin-Caledon  
Deputy Leader of the PC Caucus  
Progressive Conservative Critic for Infrastructure



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March 17, 2017

Premier Wynne  
Suite 101 - 795 Eglinton Avenue East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Wynne:

Please find below a copy of a recent resolution passed by our Council:

**Resolution No. 55-03-2017**

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: P. Skippen

Whereas the Premier has announced that Ontario Hydro will be waiving delivery fees for customers who reside on First Nation reserves and settlements in Ontario;

And whereas the many families in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands are having trouble meeting their financial commitments because of the exorbitant delivery fees charged by Ontario Hydro;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requests that the Province of Ontario treat all of Ontario Hydro's customers equally and eliminate the delivery fees for residents of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

Be it further resolved that, in the interest of transparency, Ontario Hydro explain to the municipalities which cost costing measures or alternative revenue sources will be put in place to replace the revenue losses it experiences from the elimination of the delivery charge to its customers.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Wynne, Minister Thibeault, and the other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Yours truly,

Pam Cress  
Clerk

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**Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria**

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**From:** Johanna Echlin <j.echlin@sympatico.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 5:11 PM  
**To:** Mayor David Reid; Walter Stack, Reeve; Mayor Joan Lougheed; Glenn Doncaster, Reeve; Mayor John Reinwald; Anne Giardini, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Bob Sweet; Tom Mohns, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Don Eady; Peter Emon, Reeve; Mayor Michael Donohue; Robert Dick, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Jim Gibson; Melinda Reith, Mun.Clerk; Mayor Robert Kingsbury; Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Steve Bennett; Debbie Robinson, Reeve; Mayor Tom Peckett; Brian Armsden, Deputy Mayor; Lindsey A. Parks, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Hal Johnson; Terry Millar, Reeve; Mayor Michael LeMay; Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Jim Watson; Mayor Guy Desjardins; Helen Collier, D.G.; Mayor Jeanne Charlebois; Mayor Robert Kirby; Linda Rozon, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Fernand Dicaire; Marc Daigneault, CAO  
**Cc:** Michele Kaulbach; Lynn Jones  
**Subject:** CNL at Chalk River & Radioactive Waste Disposal  
**Attachments:** Ten things (final).pdf; Untitled attachment 00016.htm; CNL Chalk River 14 March 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00019.htm

To: Mayors (and other officials), Ottawa River, Ontario

This letter is a follow-up to our recent letters (February 6th and January 8th, reproduced below for your convenience) about the proposed radioactive waste dump, or "Near Surface Disposal Facility", beside the Ottawa River on the property of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories. We are very concerned about this proposal and urgently seek your support.

We are pleased to enclose a brief, two-page overview of the proposed dump, entitled "Ten things Canadians need to know about the Chalk River Near Surface Disposal Facility" in PDF format. This fact sheet can help your council members and others quickly learn essential facts about the dump and the threat it poses to our beautiful Ottawa River.

The Municipalities of Sheenboro, Clarendon, Bristol and Canton de Lochaber (Papineau) have all passed resolutions supporting OFWCA and opposing radioactive waste being brought to Chalk River for disposal from any location outside this site. Join us in this opposition.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or need our assistance in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Johanna Echlin  
[j.echlin@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.echlin@sympatico.ca)

Michele Kaulbach  
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# **Ten things Canadians need to know about the Chalk River “Near Surface Disposal Facility”**

## **1. This proposed mega-dump for radioactive waste would be enormous. It would stand seven stories high and cover an area the size of 70 NHL hockey rinks.**

- This nuclear waste dump could be the largest in the world of its type (accepting both low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste). The dump would be 11 hectares in area and 25 metres in height. It would eventually contain **one million cubic metres of radioactive waste**.
- If approved, this giant mound of radioactive waste would be created alongside the Ottawa River at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories in Chalk River, Ontario.
- Such a facility for permanent disposal of nuclear waste has never before been licensed in Canada. Regulations to limit radiation levels in this proposed “Near Surface Disposal Facility” (NSDF) do not currently exist.

## **2. The proponent of the dump is a consortium of profit-making multinational corporations.**

- In 2015 the Harper government turned the operation and management of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories over to a consortium of for-profit multinational corporations based in the U.S., the U.K., and Canada (although the Chalk River site and its wastes remain under public ownership).
- The Harper government directed these corporations to “take actions to increase revenues generated from commercial activities.” They have signalled their intent to dispose of “waste arising from commercial activities” in the NSDF.
- Their current contract is ten years (ending in 2025). They can then walk away from any responsibility.

## **3. The site is not suitable for a dump of any kind given its location beside the Ottawa River - a drinking water source for millions of Canadians.**

- The proposed site is less than one kilometre from the Ottawa River, which flows downstream past many small Quebec and Ontario municipalities, through the Ottawa-Gatineau area, past the Houses of Parliament, and on to Montreal.
- The Canadian Nuclear Laboratories are virtually surrounded by water. The site was an island in the river in recent geological times.
- Leaks from the dump could contaminate drinking water for homes and cottages, villages, towns and cities downstream.

## **4. The proposed site is located on a major fault line above porous and fractured bedrock.**

- Studies conducted in the 1990s as part of the Deep River Disposal Project (a previous attempt to create a disposal facility at the Chalk River site) determined the underlying bedrock to be porous and fractured, with high rates of groundwater flow into the Ottawa River.
- The site is located in the Western Quebec seismic zone. Natural Resources Canada says that an earthquake occurs every five days on average in this zone. The largest of these earthquakes can have a magnitude of 6 on the Richter scale.

## **5. Downstream communities loudly voiced objection to radioactive waste disposal at this location in the 1990s**

- More than 50 Quebec and Ontario municipalities passed resolutions opposing the Deep River Disposal Project because of the unsuitability of this site.

## **6. The proposed dump could contain radioactive debris, garbage, and hazardous wastes from all over Canada.**

- In addition to wastes accumulated during more than 50 years of operation of the Chalk River Nuclear Labs (demolition debris, contaminated soils, stored wastes), radioactive wastes could be brought to the site from all over Canada.
- So-called “mixed wastes” (which may include PCBs, arsenic and mercury in addition to radionuclides) could also be disposed of in this facility.
- CNL’s original proposal only included low-level radioactive waste. It later added intermediate-level radioactive waste – waste that gives off enough radiation to require shielding, and may have half-lives of up to tens of thousands of years.

## **7. Hazardous and radioactive materials would inevitably leak into the Ottawa River.**

- The radioactive wastes in this dump would be placed on top of two plastic liners such as the type used in municipal landfills.
- Such liners, also called “geomembranes”, are not leak-proof.
- Causes of leaks could include incorrect installation, physical deterioration, punctures by sharp and or heavy objects, chemical deterioration, burrowing by animals, seismic activity, flooding, or sabotage.
- Long-lived radioactive wastes would remain hazardous far longer than the plastic liners could possibly endure.
- During the 50+ year period of operation, wastes would be exposed to rain and snow. Failure of the proposed leachate collection system or water treatment plant could result in rapid contamination of the Ottawa River.

## **8. The process for approving this proposal is flawed.**

- Changes to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act made by the Harper government in 2012 eliminated independent panel reviews for nuclear projects and excluded the Minister of Environment from the decision-making process.
- The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), an unelected body, has sole responsibility for project approval. It has demonstrated an inability to protect the environment and a tendency to favour industry interests over public safety.
- The CNSC will only provide two, 2-month periods for the public to comment on the environmental assessment of the NSDF (the first begins March 17, 2017).

## **9. The timeline for action is short.**

- A decision on project approval is scheduled to take place at a January 2018 CNSC hearing on renewal of CNL’s “site licence.” With CNSC approval, construction of the mega-dump could begin as soon as Fall 2018.

## **10. Citizens, municipal governments, and First Nations can help to protect the Ottawa River.**

- review and provide comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by May 17, 2017; see websites below for link to the EIS
- contact municipal officials, MPs, MNAs, and MPPs to express concern
- consider passing a resolution (see websites below for samples); the municipalities of Sheenboro and Clarendon in Quebec have already passed resolutions objecting to the importation of nuclear waste to the Chalk River site.

*This fact sheet produced by the Old Fort William Cottagers' Association ([www.ofwca.org/SheenOFWCA/OFWCACNL.html](http://www.ofwca.org/SheenOFWCA/OFWCACNL.html)) and Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area (<https://sites.google.com/site/concernedcitizensrca/>).*

*References for the material in this fact sheet are provided on the Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area website.*



**Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria**

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**From:** >Communications <commaecl@cnl.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** >Communications  
**Subject:** Public comments invited on draft environmental impact statement for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' Near Surface Disposal Facility Project

UNRESTRICTED / ILLIMITÉE

Good afternoon,

I am writing to advise you that Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has submitted the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project. The proposed project is for the siting and construction of the Near Surface Disposal Facility, which would be used for the disposal of mostly, low level radioactive waste and a small amount of intermediate level waste.

**The Near Surface Disposal Facility Project**

The Near Surface Disposal Facility will enable the decommissioning of more than 100 buildings and structures at the Chalk River Laboratories – a necessary step to revitalize the site – and provide a safe and permanent disposal for waste from 65 years of science and technology and the Laboratories' continuing operations.

The majority (90%) of the waste that would be disposed of in the facility is already stored, or would be produced, out of activities at the Chalk River site. Approximately 5% would be waste originating from the Whiteshell Laboratories, in Manitoba and other AECL sites, such as the prototype reactors (Douglas Point and Gentilly-1); and less than 5% would be commercial sourced inventories for example from Canadian hospitals and universities a service that has been underway for decades.

**The Environmental Assessment Process**

The submission of the draft Environmental Impact Statement to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is a requirement of the Environmental Assessment process for the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project. In order for the Near Surface Disposal Facility Project to move forward, the Environmental Assessment, which is carried out under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, and regulated under the authority of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, must be completed.

**Ensuring your voice is heard**

With our submission of the Near Surface Disposal Facility's Environmental Impact Statement, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission will be accepting comments from the public and Indigenous groups for the next 60 days. CNL encourages participation from members of the public and Indigenous groups in the Environmental Assessment process. The following links are included for your convenience:

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Environmental Impact Statement Executive Summary](#)
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):
  1. [Draft EIS for the NSDF](#)
  2. [Appendices](#)

If you would like more information, you are welcome to contact me directly at [Pat.Quinn@cnl.ca](mailto:Pat.Quinn@cnl.ca), or visit the Near Surface Disposal Facility's web page – [www.cnl.ca/nsdf](http://www.cnl.ca/nsdf).



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**Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria**

**From:** Raili Quathamer <[rquathamer@rcdhu.com](mailto:rquathamer@rcdhu.com)>  
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**Subject:** Leave the Phone Alone

***Please forward this message to the Road/Public Works Department (or designate) of your Municipality.***

On behalf of the Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee, we want to thank you for your support in making the *Leave the Phone Alone* distracted driving campaign a county-wide success.

During the launch week of the campaign, the OPP conducted a focused patrol across the county to enforce distracted driving regulations. To complement the enforcement, grade 11 and 12 high school students participated in distracted driving training hosted by DriveWise. The focus on educating students will also continue with *Leave the Phone Alone* activity booklets and prizes to grade 4 and 5 students.

**The *Leave the Phone Alone* campaign will continue with the installation of forty *Leave the Phone Alone* road signs in Renfrew County.** The County of Renfrew will be distributing two signs to each of the local municipalities over the upcoming weeks. The municipalities are invited to arrange the installation of the signs at their earliest convenience and once the weather improves. Ideally, these signs would be installed in prominent and/or high traffic areas.

Please contact the Health Unit if you would like a Renfrew County Partners Against Distracted Driving Committee representative to attend the installation for media purposes.

Thank you for supporting the *Leave the Phone Alone* campaign.

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**Spring Freshet 2017 – MNRF Proactive Teleconference #1**  
**March 8, 2016 - 1:30pm**

**MNRF Update: Christina Davis**

1. MNRF Current Situation:
  - Balaclava Dam, Lake Dore Dam: Seeing higher than normal water levels for this time of year; we have been doing log operations earlier than normal for this time of year; continuing to monitor; with the below 0 temperatures expected over the next week, lakes are expected to go back into normal range
  - Rivers and Lakes: large lakes ice covered, smaller streams partly frozen and partly flowing
  - Fraser Township snow station: last week (Feb 27) 55cm of snow, this week (March 6) 58cm of snow
  - Other Observations: none
2. Pembroke District Flood Status: no flood bulletins have been issued this year
3. Neighbouring District Status:
  - North Bay: Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook (March 3, 2017)
  - Bancroft: Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook (March 3, 2017)
  - Kemptville: no bulletins issued

**Surface Water Monitoring Centre Weather Forecast and Update: Brent Smith**

- Temperatures are forecast to return to near or below seasonal over the next 5 days
- After today the highs will range from -15 to -5°C
- Very little precipitation is expected and will likely be snow

**Madawaska Update: Marc Bisson, OPG**

- Very high flows because of the warm weather and the rain
- Flows are higher than normal for this time of year
- Last week the snow surveys were showing close to average depths for this time of year due to the recent melt
- Bark Lake is starting to rise and flows are quite high down the river

**Ottawa River Update: Michael Sarich, ORRS**

- There has been a significant increase in inflows and outflows across the basin over the last few weeks
- Inflows are above normal
- There has been a reduction in snow pack
- Water levels are high everywhere for this time of year
- Water levels are above level but not reaching apprehension levels – expected to hold steady
- Have started running models daily

## **Bonnechere River Update**

1. **Round Lake & Golden Lake: Shawn Cameron, RPG**
  - Round Lake: levels are stable, still capacity to take on water; did not get the lake to an optimum level
  - Golden Lake: the rain has used up a lot of the capacity; there is a bit of concern because there is still a lot of snow to melt and the melting snow could cause high water levels; no logs in the dam
  - With the cooler weather flows have slowed down
  - Lake Clear: there has been a rise in water levels but nothing significant
  
2. **Eganville: Jack Roesner, Eganville Generation Corp.**
  - The dam has been running at full capacity since the end of February
  - Starting March 1<sup>st</sup> the gate has been lifted to let water pass in order to stay within the limit
  
3. **Douglas: Janusz Rydel, Multistream Power Corp.**
  - No update
  - Passing water and no concerns (from Shawn Cameron, RPG)

## **Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management: Philippe Geoffrion**

- No update
- Conditions are basically the same for most of Southern Ontario

## **County of Renfrew: Steve Boland**

- Muskrat River is a bit high for this time of year
- Everything has been quiet so far this year

## **City of Pembroke**

- No update

## **Other Townships/Municipalities or others:**

- Jim Montgomery, City of Ottawa: Cutting of the keys and blasting of the ice to free it up was undertaken on the Rideau River, above the Rideau Falls to assist with flow; this was done a week earlier than usual this year and is now complete

## **Questions/Information Requests:**

- Richard Leusink, County of Renfrew: reminder to everyone that the quality of ice on lakes and rivers has decreased and for safety stay off the ice; OPP is reinforcing this message; please take this message back to your worksites so everyone stays safe

## **Update Pembroke District Flood Status**

- Not planning to issue any flood bulletins at this time

**NEXT CONFERENCE CALL:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 1:30pm (unless requested to hold a call sooner)

Teleconference 1-866-602-5423; passcode 6553803#

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**Key Information Websites:**

<http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry> - MNR Website

<http://www.ottawariver.ca/> (or call the 24hr toll free number 1-800-778-1246)

<http://www.opg.com> – Madawaska River/Ottawa River

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca> – Bonnechere River

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html> - Emergency Management Ontario



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March 15, 2017

**SUBJECT: Approved 2017/2018 Annual Work Schedule  
Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The 2017/2018 Annual Work Schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit is approved as of March 15, 2017. On the reverse is a copy of the public inspection notice that will be appearing in several newspapers in communities that surround Algonquin Provincial Park.

Please feel free to contact any of the offices listed in the public notice to discuss Algonquin Park forestry operations for the coming year. Ontario Parks staff and staff of the Algonquin Forestry Authority would be pleased to go over any details with you.

Yours truly,

David Coulas  
Park Superintendent  
Algonquin Provincial Park  
Ontario Parks

C. Gord Cumming, AFA, Huntsville

# INSPECTION

## Inspection of Approved 2017–2018 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The Algonquin Park Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest.

### Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **March 15, 2017** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKeown Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond Park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

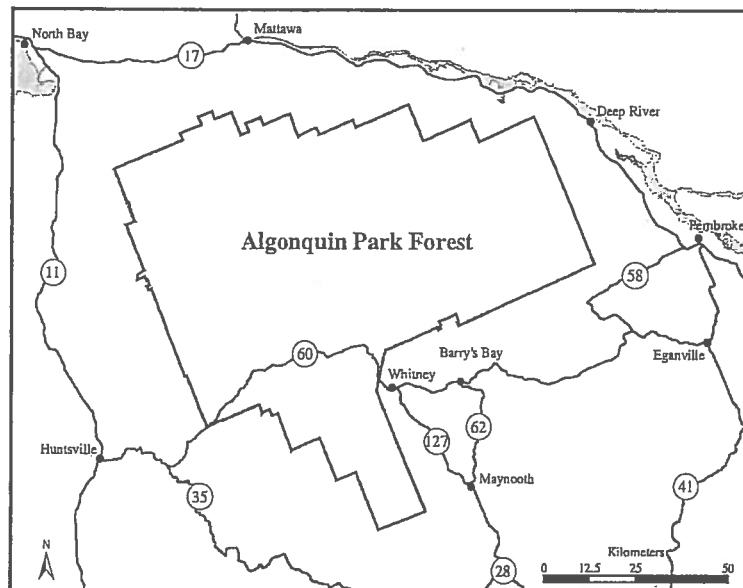
### More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

**Joe Yaraskavitch, Park Forester**  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Algonquin Park Office  
31 Riverside Drive  
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6  
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**Gord Cumming, Plan Author**  
Algonquin Forestry Authority  
Huntsville Office  
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tel: 705-789-9647, ext. 30

**Tom Dolan, Area Forester**  
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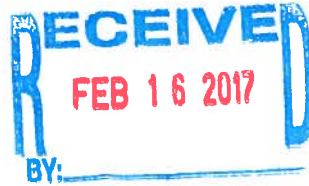
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February 7, 2017



Melinda Reith, CAO/Clerk  
Township of Head, Clara & Maria  
15 Township Hall Road  
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

**RE: A By-Law to Regulate the Operation of  
Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on County of Renfrew Roads**

As a result of a recent request for a change to the County's Off-Road Vehicle By-Law, By-Law 8-17 being A By-Law to Regulate the Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on County of Renfrew Roads was passed at the January 25, 2017 session of County Council. A copy is attached for your information.

As a result of the discussion at County Council, it was suggested that the County obtain copies of all ORV by-laws from the local municipalities for reference purposes. To this end, could you please provide this Department with a copy of the Township's ORV by-law/policy?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Steven P. Boland, C.E.T., LEL  
Director of Public Works & Engineering  
[sboland@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:sboland@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

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Attch.

**COUNTY OF RENFREW**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 8-17**

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON COUNTY OF RENFREW ROADS**

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WHEREAS Section 191.8, subsection (3), the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. 8, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws:

- (a) Permitting the operation of Off-Road Vehicles with three or more wheels on any Highway within the municipality that is under the jurisdiction of the municipality, or on any part or parts of such Highways;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew enacts as follows:

1. Definitions.

In this by-law,

“Highway” shall include a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway and driveway, any part of which is intended for use or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof.

“Off-Road Vehicle” shall mean an off-road vehicle within the meaning of the Off Road vehicles Act, O. Reg. 316/03, S.1., as amended.

2. Regulation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways.

An Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on Highways unless it meets and is operated in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 316/03 – Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways as amended by O. Reg. 135/15.

3. General

Operation of Off-Road Vehicles shall be permitted on all Highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew with the exceptions of those Highways or parts of such Highways listed on Schedule “A” attached to this By-Law.

4. Penalties

Any person who contravenes any section of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.



5. Validity

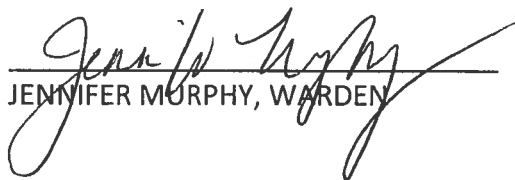
If any section, clause or provision of this By-Law is for any reason declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-Law as a whole or any part thereof other than that section, clause or provision so declared to be invalid and it is hereby declared to be the intention that all the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of the By-Law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, notwithstanding that one or more provisions thereof shall have been declared to be invalid.

6. That By-Law 76-15, being a By-Law to Regulate the Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on County of Renfrew Roads is hereby repealed.
7. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the date of its passing.

READ a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

READ a second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

  
JENNIFER MURPHY, WARDEN

  
W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A"**

<b>County Road/Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
1 - Madawaska Blvd, Elgin St & River Rd	East limit of the Madawaska River Bridge	1.6 km North of the intersection with County Road 3 (Usborne Street North End)	Arnprior McNab/Braeside
2 - Daniel St & White Lake Rd	Madawaska Street	County Road 10 (Baskin Drive)	Arnprior
2 - White Lake Rd	Staye Court Drive/ Winners Circle	County Road 45 (Vanjumar Drive)	Arnprior
2 - White Lake Rd	300 m East of County Road 52	County Road 52	McNab/Braeside
16 - Victoria St	Laurentian Drive	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
25 - Laurentian Dr	Victoria Street	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
26 - Doran Rd	Petawawa Boulevard	Highway 17	Petawawa
35 - Boundary Rd E	Jean Avenue	Trafalgar Road	Laurentian Valley
37 - Murphy Rd	Petawawa Boulevard	Highway 17	Petawawa
51 - Pembroke St W & Petawawa Blvd	Pembroke City Limit	Paquette Road	Laurentian Valley Petawawa
52 - Raglan St	Highway 60	Pine Street	Renfrew
52 - Burnstown Rd	County Road 2	McLachlan Road	McNab/Braeside
55 - Paquette Rd	Highway 17	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
72 - Ridge Rd	Highway 17	Deep River Road	Deep River
73 - Deep River Rd	Highway 17	Ridge Road	Deep River

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March 2017

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **2017 Senior of the Year Award**. This annual award was established in 1994 to give each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to **honour one outstanding local senior**, who after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community.

Pay tribute to a Senior of the Year award recipient and show how seniors are making a difference in your community!

Make a nomination for **Senior of the Year!**

**Deadline is April 30, 2017.**

A certificate, provided by the Ontario government, is signed by Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor, myself as Minister of Seniors Affairs, and the local Head of Council.

The Government of Ontario is proud to offer this partnership with the municipalities. Seniors have generously offered their time, knowledge, expertise and more to make this province a great place to live. It is important to recognize their valuable contributions.

If you have questions, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat:

Email: [ontariohonoursandawards@ontario.ca](mailto:ontariohonoursandawards@ontario.ca)  
Phone: 416 314-7526  
Toll-free: 1 877-832-8622  
TTY: 416 327-2391

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider putting forward the name of a special senior in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dipika".

The Honourable Dipika Damerla  
Minister



**Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria**

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**From:** AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy Released

March 3, 2017

## **Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy Released**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Glen Murray released the [Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy](#). The Strategy is intended to serve as a road map to shift Ontario towards a circular economy and a zero-waste future.

On January 30, 2017, AMO jointly submitted comments with the City of Toronto, the Municipal Waste Association (MWA), and the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO) to the Ministry on the Strategy.

Key issues for municipalities that are outlined in the Strategy are:

- New legislation makes Producers fully responsible for end-of-life management of designated products and packaging. Municipal governments have traditionally played a key role in waste diversion programs. The most notable has been the Blue Box program where Regulation 101/94 of the *Environmental Protection Act* requires a municipality with population over 5,000 to provide Blue Box collection services. Under the new legislation, the Province has limited the role of municipalities to a "potential service provider" to Producers in the management of their designated materials.
- Wind-up and transition of existing diversion programs for Blue Box, Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, and Tires to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*. Regulations will be developed for each of these programs.
- The Organics Action Plan intends to ban food waste from disposal in 2022 and may also create new revenue opportunities with increased demand for renewable natural gas.

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Ontario

March 6, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

It will come as no surprise that, over the past several months, our government has been hearing from many parts of Ontario about the impacts of recent pupil accommodation reviews, particularly in Ontario's rural and remote communities. Our government supports and values all communities in Ontario, and our school boards and municipalities must make every effort to work together to ultimately support positive experiences for our students and the communities they live in.

As you know, school closures and consolidations are among the most difficult decisions that school boards have to make. This is especially true in our rural and remote communities. Ontario entrusts school boards with the responsibility to review their school accommodation needs and for ensuring that student achievement and well-being are supported by all accommodation decisions that are made.

However, we also know that some parts of Ontario face demographic challenges, while others are seeing considerable growth. We want to assure all of our community partners that our government is committed to finding solutions to meet both local needs and the educational needs of Ontario's students.

Starting this spring, our government will launch an engagement on new approaches to supporting education in rural and remote communities. Three Parliamentary Assistants, MPPs Granville Anderson, Grant Crack, and Lou Rinaldi, will gather feedback on how our province can further strengthen the future of rural education. We are also pleased to provide you with an update on how our government will further support local decision-making and complete communities moving forward.

**Pursuing Joint-Use Opportunities between School Boards**

Communities and the province expect Ontario's four school systems to maximize the opportunities of co-location. Prior to commencing with student accommodation changes through closures, it is our government's strong preference that school boards fully explore joint accommodation arrangements with coterminous boards, particularly to maintain a school presence in a rural or isolated community. Of the 4,900 schools in Ontario, only 37 are currently joint-use arrangements in which pupils from one or more boards share a facility.

In July 2013, prior to the launch of the Ministry of Education's 2014 Capital Priorities program, the Ministry stated a preference for these joint-use projects, committing to review these proposals before any others. Additionally, the Ministry of Education has committed \$600,000 to assist school boards in pursuing joint-use school opportunities between school boards. This funding is being allocated to support school boards with facilitation and joint planning towards the potential development of joint-use school proposals, as well as on studies being commissioned by the Ministry of Education to highlight joint-use experiences and develop a joint-use school toolkit that can be used to assist school boards in developing joint-use schools.

Moving forward, the Ministry of Education will be reviewing all capital proposals submitted by school boards for ministry funding for new schools, additions or consolidation projects to ensure joint-use opportunities between boards have been fully explored before funding is granted.

### **Importance of School Board and Municipal Partnerships**

We have recently had the pleasure of speaking with many of our municipal and school board partners. These conversations have highlighted many positive examples of collaboration and joint local planning between school boards and municipalities. But we have also heard about potential inconsistencies and difficulties in current community collaboration, including instances where municipalities and communities have not felt meaningfully engaged in pupil accommodation reviews. These difficulties can arise for many reasons, but we would like to remind school boards and municipalities of the tools we have provided to facilitate an effective process and provincial expectations with respect to engagement by involved parties:

- **Annual Community Consultation:** Reforms to Ontario's *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act* were made in 2015 to help create more complete communities and to provide citizens a greater, more meaningful say in how their neighbourhoods grow. The Ministry of Education's Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline was also introduced in 2015 to ensure that each school board hosted at least one meeting each year to discuss their capital plans and opportunities for joint planning and facility partnerships with relevant communities and stakeholders. We have heard from some boards that these meetings are not well attended, and from some communities that they were not aware of them. It is imperative that these meetings involve all relevant stakeholders, and facilitate real dialogue between boards and the involved communities. Further, board policies must reflect this guideline prior to the commencement of new accommodation reviews. To be effective, these meetings require community engagement and attendance and a spirit of real partnership from all parties.

- **Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline:** Updates to the Pupil Accommodation review guideline in 2015 were introduced following consultations with school boards, municipalities and other community partners to enable a more effective review process. This included a new requirement that impacted municipalities and community partners are consulted regarding the potential accommodation changes. It is our expectation that this is a meaningful engagement from both boards and municipalities, and that full input and feedback from the municipalities, including local economic and community impacts where relevant are reflected in the final staff report and advice to trustees. The new process also requires boards to put forward concrete proposals in the form of initial staff recommendations. These should not be interpreted as pre-determined outcomes, but rather as a means to ensure focused engagement.

Our government expects school boards and communities to be making active and continual efforts to facilitate positive, inclusive relationships with each-other.

The changes made in 2015 to the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline also changed the minimum requirement for the school information profiles shared at the commencement of an accommodation review to no longer require information outlining the value of the school to the local economy. This change was made to reflect input from school boards that this information was not readily available or in their area of expertise and could be better reflected in the input from municipal and community partners.

While accommodation decisions must support student achievement and well-being as a primary goal, this change was not intended to discount the importance of engagement with communities to understand the impact of accommodation changes or to disallow boards from considering the impacts on communities and local economies from their final reports or deliberations.

Going forward, our government will be considering how community impact could be included in the pupil accommodation process, included with anticipated impacts on student achievement, transportation and outcomes. We will work with municipalities and school boards to explore how the government can best support this type of analysis in the pupil accommodation review process.

### **Enabling Community Hubs in Schools**

Through the Premier's special advisor Karen Pitre, our government has been considering how we can use public property in a manner that takes into account the best interests of local communities. A community hub can be a school, neighbourhood centre or other public space that offers co-ordinated services such as education, early years support, health care and social services.

Many schools have some space that is or could be used by community organizations through lease or other arrangements when the space is not required for school use. The province has encouraged school boards to work with local communities and in 2015 released the Ministry of Education's Community Planning Partnership Guideline to help facilitate these opportunities.

We have also made a number of investments to support this goal, including:

- **Capital Funding for Community Hub School Retrofits:** The Ministry of Education announced \$50 million in November 2016 to support retrofits of available school space for use by new community partners, or improve accessibility for schools to enable community use.
- **Capital Funding for Community Replacement Space:** In the event that an original school location that housed community partnerships is closed or sold, capital funding will be available for replacement space for eligible community partners in new schools, additions or retrofits to existing schools. Details regarding eligibility for this new program will be announced ahead of the Ministry of Education's 2017 Capital Priorities program request for submissions.

Surplus schools have also been identified as potential community hubs in some communities, and our government is serious about taking the next steps on this strategy:

- **New Rules for Disposition or Lease of Surplus Property:** Changes to O. Reg. 444/98 doubled the current minimum surplus school circulation period from 90 to 180 days, and expanded the list of organizations that can place an offer before surplus school property is placed on the open market. This is intended to enable potential community hub projects to reuse surplus school properties where there is a viable business plan and identified partnerships necessary to develop a community hub
- **Disposition of Surplus School Board property:** In 2017-18, we will also be proceeding with the recommendation in the Community Hubs Strategic Framework and Action Plan to consider supporting the sale of surplus schools at less than fair market value, where there is a provincial interest to enable viable community hubs, while keeping school boards whole.
- **Community Hubs Summit:** We are also pleased to announce that the Ontario Community Hubs Summit will be held from May 1-3, 2017, which will feature keynote speakers, hands-on workshops and opportunities to interact with and learn from others.



Recognizing that planning for strategic partnerships cannot be developed quickly or easily, in instances where communities and school boards see innovative solutions to local needs with opportunities for potential community hubs in school properties involved in accommodation reviews, we are requesting that school boards and municipalities with opportunities advise the Ministry of Education's Capital Policy and Programs Branch and the Ministry of Infrastructure's Community Hubs Division at [community.hubs@ontario.ca](mailto:community.hubs@ontario.ca) preferably before the Community Hubs Summit. We will endeavor to work with the partners to ensure that these opportunities are considered within existing resources. In some cases, this could include providing facilitation services that would help community organizations, municipalities, and school boards develop their proposals for community hubs.

### **Enhancing Education in Rural and Remote Communities**

Ontario's rural and remote communities have been impacted by a diversity of socio-economic trends. We also know that the future will not look like the past. For our rural communities to thrive, our government knows that students must be supported by high-quality education, strong local community programming, and innovative local economic strategies. That's why we've taken the following actions to support our rural and remote schools:

- **Supporting Broadband Expansion:** Our government is moving forward with its commitment in the 2016 Ontario Budget to provide secure, affordable broadband access to all of Ontario's students and educators, especially in northern and remote parts of Ontario, to enable equitable access to rich and innovative learning opportunities.
- **Supporting E-Learning Opportunities:** Our government provides secure access to the provincial Virtual Learning Environment which supports delivery of eLearning courses that otherwise might not be available close to a student's home. Additionally, we are investing over \$6 million for distance learning delivery by the Independent Learning Centre of TVO that helps students from a variety of backgrounds gain necessary education credentials. Together these support equitable and timely access to credit courses.
- **Remote & Rural Funding Support for School Boards:** We have made the education funding formula less dependent on enrolment. Since 2012-13, annual GSN funding for rural boards has increased by nearly \$200 million or 5.7 per cent. In addition, we have made the following changes the funding formula to meet the unique needs of rural and remote communities:
  - Increased funding to support the higher cost of purchasing goods and services for small and rural school boards;

- Investments in top-up supports for rural schools to fund the heating, lighting and maintenance costs of excess spaces in schools that are a considerable distance from the next closest school;
- Introduced new factors that reflect distance and dispersion of schools in the distribution of special education funding;
- Funding for additional principals in schools that combine elementary and secondary students, depending on enrolment levels; and
- Funding to support a minimum number of teachers and early childhood educators for remote schools with small enrolment.

It is our hope that our engagement this coming spring will allow us to highlight further opportunities that will proactively enhance the quality and delivery of education in rural and remote communities in Ontario. We will work with our partners to finalize the details of this engagement process and share these in the coming weeks.

### **Conclusion**

There are a number of initiatives across government that are working to ensure that we have complete communities – whether they are urban, rural, northern or remote. Each community has different needs and together we need to make sure we are working together.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we continue to evolve to meet the changing demographics and needs of our communities.

Sincerely,

*[Original Signed by]*

Hon. Mitzie Hunter

*[Original Signed by]*

Hon. Bob Chiarelli

cc: Hon. Bill Mauro, Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs  
Hon. Jeff Leal, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA)  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)  
L'Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACÉPO),  
L'Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC);





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**Information Notice:**

**Title:**

Review of Ontario's Hauled Sewage Policy and Program

**EBR Registry Number:** 012-9498

**Ministry:**

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

**Date Information Notice**

**loaded to the Registry:**

February 10, 2017

**Keyword(s):** Water | Waste | Sewage

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**Rationale for Exemption to Public Comment:**

This Information Notice has been posted for the purposes of pre-consultation. The ministry is not proposing any policy change at this time.

Comments may also be sent by e-mail to [Land.Water@ontario.ca](mailto:Land.Water@ontario.ca)

**Description:**

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is seeking comments from the public, stakeholders and partners on its review of the hauled sewage policy and program. These comments will be used to inform the development of a Policy Proposal at a later date.

Hauled Sewage, commonly known as septage, is the waste material removed from portable toilets, sewage holding tanks and septic systems. MOECC currently regulates the transportation and land application/disposal of untreated hauled sewage through Environmental Compliance Approvals issued under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA), and through Ontario's General Waste Management Regulation (R.R. O. 1990, Reg. 347) under the EPA.

Currently, if the hauled sewage is treated to an appropriate level, its application to agricultural land for crop benefit may fall under the Nutrient Management Act and be exempt from the approval requirements for land application/disposal under the EPA.

In 2002, as a result of growing public concerns about the potential impact of the land application of untreated hauled sewage on the quality of groundwater and surface waters, Ontario proposed for public consultation a five-year strategy to ban this practice across the province. The proposed strategy was not implemented, as public and stakeholders comments coupled with further analysis indicated limited potential for sufficient hauled sewage treatment capacity across Ontario at that time.

As part of the hauled sewage policy and program review initiated in early 2016, MOECC is examining options for addressing environmental impacts and human health concerns associated with hauled sewage management, including its treatment, disposal and beneficial use.

This review is also identified as one of many proposed actions in the draft Canada-Ontario Action Plan for Lake Erie which is aimed at reducing nutrient loads to meet binational targets applicable to the Ontario portion of Lake Erie. The draft plan is expected to be released soon for public comment through a separate EBR Policy Proposal Notice.

**Policy and Program Review Approach: :**

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**Additional Information:**

The following government offices have additional information regarding this Notice. To arrange a viewing of these documents please call the Ministry Contact or the Office listed below.

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The ministry is currently considering a range of policy approaches regarding hauled sewage in Ontario, including a province-wide approach to deal with the land application of untreated hauled sewage, and geographically based restrictions, where there may be demonstrated hauled sewage treatment capacity at local municipal sewage treatment plants or other facilities capable of treating hauled sewage. These considerations are still preliminary and no decisions have been made.

The ministry is committed to ensuring that transparency, public consultation and engagement are central to this review. In addition to continuing to engage key stakeholders, such as municipalities, septic haulers, associations, land owners and community groups, as well as First Nations and Métis, the ministry is establishing a multi-sectoral working group to support the policy and program review. All Ontarians will also have an opportunity to provide comments on the policy and program review being undertaken through the Environmental Registry.

The ministry is committed to making informed evidence based decisions. We are in the process of collecting data and information about how hauled sewage is currently managed within the province through engagement sessions and sector specific surveys. This work will help the ministry estimate:

- annual volumes of hauled sewage generated across Ontario;
- volumes of hauled sewage treated and disposed of without treatment;
- current local hauled sewage treatment capacities across Ontario; and
- potential cost to develop adequate local capacities to treat hauled sewage.

The ministry is also in the process of evaluating the best available science regarding environmental impacts and treatment technologies, and reviewing how other jurisdictions regulate and manage hauled sewage. This data gathering step will support the ministry's efforts in developing new rules and guidance for treatment and land application of hauled sewage, based on the policy approach that is taken.

#### **Purpose of Review: :**

As part of the hauled sewage policy and program review, MOECC is examining options for addressing environmental impacts and human health concerns associated with hauled sewage management, including its treatment, disposal and beneficial uses (e.g., nutrients, renewable natural gas).

Through this posting, MOECC is seeking public input on its approach to the review that is currently underway. This input will inform the development of options. Once the analysis is complete, MOECC will develop an updated policy and program framework for consultation.

The questions below are intended to help guide this input:

- What should be done with hauled sewage, treated or untreated?
- What objective should any septage policy achieve?
- Are there any potential beneficial uses of hauled sewage that you would like the ministry to consider as part of this review?
- Are there any specific hauled sewage treatment technologies that you would like the ministry to consider as part of this review?
- What specific additional information would you like the ministry to consider as part of this review?

#### **Other Information:**

MOECC has posted on the Registry an Information Notice (EBR Registry Number [012-9214](#)), which provides to the public a list of the hauled sewage disposal sites that have a current Environmental Compliance Approval issued by an MOECC District Office. The list includes the contact information for the issuing District Office to enable members of the public to contact the appropriate office to obtain a copy of approvals that they may be interested in.

Additionally, MOECC has been posting proposal notices for new or renewed hauled sewage site applications on the Environmental Registry for public comment. All decisions will be posted on the Environmental Registry.

#### **Other Public Consultation Opportunities:**

This Information Notice will be posted for a 90 day comment period. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change welcomes your comments on the approach to the policy and program review identified in this Information Notice. If you have any questions, or would like to submit your comments, please do so by May 10, 2017 contacting the individual listed under "Contact". Additionally, you may submit your comments online through this Information Notice.

In an effort to ensure all interests are adequately considered as part of this review process, the MOECC will establish a multi-sectoral working group to provide advice throughout the review process.

Further, a series of informal multi-sectoral engagement sessions may be held as needed.

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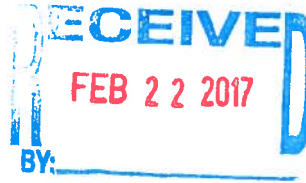
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Member of Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
OTTAWA, CANADA

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017



Mayor and Council  
Head, Clara and Maria Township  
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Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of campground operators and Canadians who enjoy vacationing outdoors, please, accept my thanks to your Council for supporting family run campgrounds in passing a motion calling for fair and equal tax treatment for all small businesses.

So far, more than 30 municipalities across Northern and Eastern Ontario have stood up for family run campgrounds by passing a resolution to have campgrounds taxed at the small business tax rate, even if they have fewer than five full-time, year-round employees..

This past fall, I asked the Tax Revenue Minister why she is targeting small campgrounds to pay for Federal overspending. Her response was that she will "...continue to enforce the law."

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.  
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